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Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **November 27, 2001**, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

(A) A clean version of each replacement claim and text of the specification along with clear instructions for entry;

(B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and MPEP 714; and

(C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "*Version with Markings to Show Changes Made.*"

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent